

1812 (summer)

Louse-borne diseases such as typhus and trench fever devastated Napoleon's Army during his ill-fated invasion of Russia in 1812, killing nearly one-third of his soldiers.

Napoleon invaded Russia with half a million men that summer.

Twenty-five thousand French soldiers

escaped to Vilnius, Lithuania during
the retreat, and only 3,000 survived

while some of the men were killed at
Brodin's & other battles during the invasion
attempt, many died of hunger, disease
and exposure especially in the cold and
snow of the retreat. They were buried
in mass graves